



## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 101571  
Date            14 October 2015

### ***Wheelie Bins***

#### **Request:**

Please can you provide the following information:

1. How many council provided wheelie bins to residents have been recorded as lost or stolen in the past three years - September 1 2012 to September 30 2015;
2. The cost of replacing lost or stolen wheelie bins to the authority in the last three years;
3. Please could you supply me with a breakdown of how many wheelie bins were recorded as lost or stolen in each by council ward in the past three years.

#### **Response:**

Following careful consideration, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose the information you have requested.

Section 12 of the Act exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance with the request exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be made in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the Act.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

Please note that we are unable to differentiate between bins that were replacements (i.e. lost, stolen or broken) and those that were for new properties (i.e. new builds). In order to respond to your request, each individual bin request would have to be looked at in full, to ascertain if this is a replacement due to theft or loss.

Since a substantial amount of work will be involved in processing your request as it is currently phrased, I am afraid a fee is payable before we can provide you with the

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information. The fee in this case is £17,500- please see the schedule below explaining how this was calculated. If the actual cost turns out to be less than the estimate, the balance will be returned to you.

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>CHARGE MADE</b>
COST OF COMPLYING WITH THE REQUEST	700 Hours, at £25 an hour
PHOTOCOPYING	10 pence per A4 sheet, approximately £7.00
POSTAGE AND OTHER FORMS OF TRANSMISSION	Royal Mail Special Delivery -Minimum £8.55
VAT (IF APPLICABLE)	N/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	17515.55